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Docket No. 14000.11

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Hugh S. West, Jr., M.D.

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 29, 2003 (paper no. 7) finally rejecting the application, please enter the following amendment, which is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

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